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<p>(57) Abstract A composition comprising a purified lipid cell-wall component or analog or derivative thereof and a suitable pharmaceutical carrier, medium, excipient or adjuvant is described. The composition is useful in prophylactic and therapeutic methods of treating a microbial infection in a subject, typically a mycobacterial infection such as tuberculosis, and immune disorders, inflammatory conditions and allergies in a subject, typically autoimmune diseases. It is also useful in diagnostic methods. The purified lipid cell-wall component is typically a purified mycolic acid or a mixture of purified mycolic acids from a bacterium which produces mycolic acids. The bacterium is from <i>Mycobacterium</i>, <i>Corynebacterium</i>, <i>Nocardia</i> or <i>Rhodococcus</i>.</p> <p>EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EL699732331US</p>		

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